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Here are 10 questions I'm loosing sleep over regarding asylum at the border:

1) What process will the Biden administration put in place to help those who are already in MPP and have been waiting in danger in Mexico for a long time? Will it use parole for those with pending cases? What of those ordered removed and deported in abstentia?

2) Will the administration lift or change the CDC order so that asylum seekers can seek protection at the border?

3) If yes, will it rely on metering? Will it rely on swift screening that does not provide adequate due process? Will it shift away from detention?

4) There are many asylum seekers stranded in Mexico who were metered or expelled. Will there be any redress for them? Many of these folks are from Central America but many also from elsewhere--especially from Africa and Haiti (not subject to MPP).

5) How will the U.S. work with UNHCR, Mexico, local U.S. officials, and NGOs on both sides of the border to really make needed changes so that we turn the page on reception?

6) Processing is one thing. Adjudication is another. Will it be shifted to the asylum office? Left to immigration judges?

7) What Trump administration asylum eligibility restrictions will be rolled back and how?

8) How will the administration deal with the Remain in Mexico case slated for argument in the Supreme Court?

9) Targeted aid to Central America and establishment of legal pathways is great long term solution. Right now, U.S. promises to screen those who make it to our border are hollow if NOBODY can because they are stopped by force and rapidly deported by our allies to the south.

So will the U.S. ask these allies to take a different approach to the caravans?

10) How can the administration's new budget help to fund a more humane system? Will members of Congress help--with appropriations and new legislation--help make true reform?